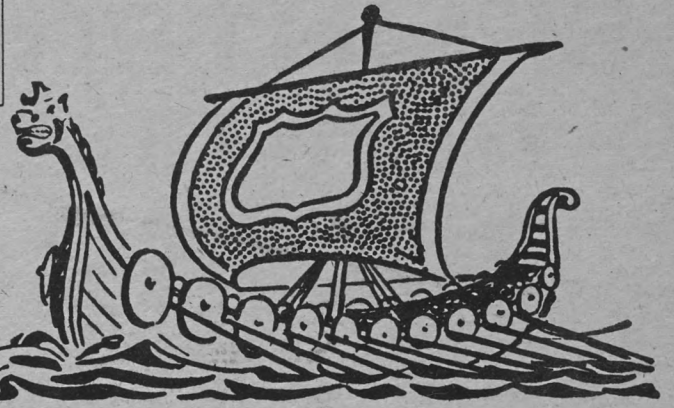


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SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Anne Sahuri
IT'S TIME

The time is for peace and the family reunions.
The time is for serene happiness and true compassion.
The time is Christmas time. May you all find the serene happiness during the coming holiday season and throughout the new year.

RADIO REPORT

Please note that Mr. Les Greenham is doing the radio report and he needs all the help possible, so please don't forget to phone him at 455-0082.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting is fast approaching. Following are the names and telephone numbers of the nominating committee:

Leif Oddson (Icelandic) Chairman 466-6838

Paul Karvonen (Finnish) 455-5570

Tom Nielsen (Danish) 454-5438

Knut Svidal (Norwegian) 436-1349

Harold Markstrom (Swedish) 475-8438

Do phone any one of the nominating committee members with your suggestions and names for nominations, please.

NEW YEAR'S DINNER AND DANCE

Did you buy your tickets for the New Year's Dinner and Dance? Why not phone **Per Nielsen** at 436-4109, **Vera Nielsen** at 454-5438 or Scandinavian Centre at 455-4355 and reserve your tickets today.

FROM THE DIRECTORS

On behalf of the Board of Directors, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL". □

IN MEMORIAM

Tauno (Tony) Salomaa

Aug. 1, 1919 - Nov. 8, 1974
By Anne Sahuri

Mr. Tauno T. Salomaa was born in Antrea, Finland, on Aug. 1, 1919. Tauno and Aira Salomaa were married during World War II in Finland and two of their children were born there.

Tauno Salomaa and family came to Canada in 1951 and since have lived in Edmonton for most of the time. Their two youngest children were born in Edmonton.

Mr. Salomaa was a respected member of the Scandinavian and Finnish communities. He was a director in the Scandinavian Centre Co-op Association for many years and his name appears on the plaque which was erected at the Centre during the opening ceremonies. He worked hard for the Scandinavian Centre and also for the Finnish Society of which he was a member until his move to Kelowna, B.C., last year.

Tauno Salomaa served as the president of the Finnish Society for many years. He was also a member of the executive in the Finnish Society holding the position of treasurer among other duties during his many active years in the society. Mr. Salomaa was presented with the past president's gavel and also a certificate of honorarium by the Finnish Society of Edmonton.

Many contractors in Edmonton knew and res-

pected Tauno Salomaa as an expert bricklayer. He was a member of the Bricklayers Union Local No. 1 and for many years and until his move to Kelowna worked for A. P. Green Refractories (Canada) Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. Salomaa moved to Kelowna in June 1973, where they built their lovely new home which many of their friends have visited since.

Mr. Salomaa died in Kelowna on Nov. 8, 1974. He is survived by his loving wife, Aira, and daughter, Anita, at home in Kelowna, son, Rainier (Seppo), in Sudbury, daughters, Dianna and Mrs. Rita Tilley, in Edmonton, three grandchildren and relatives and friends in Finland and Canada.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 11, 1974, in Kelowna at Day Funeral Home at 1:30 p.m.

"We must go forth and leave our past. Let us go forth nobly. Let us go humbly, solemnly, bravely, as those must go who go to meet the Lord. With firm, quiet, serious steps, full of faith, full of hope, let us go to meet Him who will certainly judge us when we meet Him, but who loves us while He judges us, and who, if we are only obedient, will make us, by the discipline of all the years, fit for the everlasting world, where life shall count itself by years no longer." — Phillips Brooks. □

KNUT SVIDAL HONORED

On Saturday night, Nov. 16, 1974, at the annual Lutfisk Supper, Mr. Knut L. Svidal was presented with a beautiful plaque for outstanding service to Sons of Norway.

The presentation was ably made by Mr. Marshall Moy, International Supreme Director from Missoula, Mont.

Knut Svidal has served six years as Supreme Director, and two years as President of the Fourth District, Sons of Norway. During his term of office, the fraternity has had unparalleled growth in membership, cultural activities, and fraternal insurance. He fought stead-



KNUT SVIDAL

fastly to maintain the Fabulous Fourth District as an international district consisting of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Montana and North Dakota.

In his gracious acceptance of the plaque, Mr. Svidal said that the greatest reward of all was the many new friends he and his wife, Rose, had made while serving Sons of Norway.

Out of town friends, who came to honor Knut were Edward and Lillian Ness, Roy and Linda Swanberg of Calgary, and Marshall and Vivian Moy of Missoula, Mont.

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By Sig Sorenson

Sons of Norway have a very busy December, and members are reminded to mark and plan to participate in the following events:

Tuesday, December 3

Ladies Night at Torske Klubben. Phone the "Boss", Anders Anderson, at 488-8998 for further details.

Friday, December 6, 8 p.m.

General meeting of Sons of Norway featuring:

- the election of officers for 1975
- the annual Christmas Bingo party

For further details phone the president, Wally Broen, at 466-8461 or 474-2006.

Sunday, December 15, 3 p.m.

The annual Sons of Norway Christmas party with Betty Broen in charge. Phone 466-8461.

Sunday, December 22, 2 p.m.

Sons of Norway will present a 15-minute program at the Provincial Museum and Archives of Alberta, 12845 102 Ave., Edmonton. Mrs. Astrid Hope, our Cultural Director is in charge. For further details phone Astrid at 469-4747.

The various cultural and sports programs are well underway:

THE BOWLING CLUB

Meets every Tuesday at 9 p.m. at the Windsor Bowl, 8627 109 St. For further information phone the secretary of the bowling club, Nels Mjaatveit at 454-3413.

THE CURLING CLUB

Meets every Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Hillcrest Country Club, 156 St. and 72 Ave. In charge of curling is Inge Anderson, phone 489-6490.

THE LANGUAGE CLUB

Mrs. Janet Burt is doing an outstanding job of teaching Norwegian at the Parkview School, 14313 92 Ave., every Wednesday from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. For further information, please contact Mrs. Merle Larson at 487-4559. Janet reports that she has a class of 30 students—a record for Solglyt Lodge.

ROSEMALING

(Rose Painting)

More and more interest is being taken in this traditional art of Norway. If you are interested in this art, please contact Harry Huser at 477-2735.

On Oct. 26, 1974, the Supreme Convention Committee of the Sons of Norway met at the Edmonton Inn to wind up the affairs of the August Biennial Convention held at the Banff Springs Hotel.

Mr. Edward Ness, Chairman, presided over the meeting. The committee members were: Roy

Swanberg of Calgary, Andy Haugen of Grande Prairie, Ross Anderson of Camrose, David Peterson of Claresholm, Gladys Clark, Knut Svidal and Harv Haugen of Edmonton. Their spouses were also in attendance.

Besides the business at hand, the committee and their spouses rejoice in the outstanding success of the convention. Not only was it the first International Supreme Convention held in Alberta, but it was the largest convention ever held in Sons of Norway. Our American friends were impressed not only with the organization behind the convention, but the beautiful setting at the Banff Springs Hotel in the Canadian Rockies.

Financially, the committee did well, and the profits were divided by the five Alberta Lodges—Grande Prairie, Edmonton, Camrose, Calgary, Claresholm—and is to be used for the promotion of cultural and youth activities.

At the convention the Hon. Horst Schmid, Alberta Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation, had presented the "Unge Venner" junior lodges with a purse of \$2,000. The committee decided to put the money into a trust fund to be used for the activities of "Unge Vener".

In charge of "Unge Venner" at the convention were Donna Glendenning of Calgary, and Harvey Haugen of Edmonton. Their leadership contributed much to the tremendous success of the junior lodge convention at Banff, and added immensely to the Supreme Convention as a whole.

LUTEFISK SUPPER AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS—NOV. 16, 1974

Douglas and Gail Peterson teamed up to make the traditional Lutfisk Supper a tremendous success with 372 persons in attendance.

Ruth Logan, who headed up the food committee together with Gladys Clark, said that all of 28 ladies were involved in the preparation and serving of the Lutfisk, together with other Norwegian delicacies such as lefse, krumkake, etc. They are to be commended on a job well done.

For the first time, the function was held at the Scandinavian Centre. All evening long, entertainment was going on in the Nordic Room while the Viking Room was first the scene of many hungry people getting a fill of Lutfisk, and afterwards, dancing to the lively tunes

My Trip to Fort Smith

By Olaf Sveen

On the first weekend in September I went along to help do some entertaining at Fort Smith, N.W.T. Included was a Bavarian Band, three yodlers, and the Schuhplattler, the people I played for. The leader of the expedition was the Honorable Horst Schmid, Alberta Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation, and

we travelled in a government plane.

A Beer Fest was held at the biggest hall in town, and that was where we entertained. The reason for all this was that Fort Smith is celebrating its Centennial, and our being sent there was Alberta's official contribution to the Centennial festivities.

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KNUT SVIDAL receives plaque for "Leadership in freedom, fraternity and progress" presented by Marshall Moy, International Supreme Director of Missoula, Montana.

of Reuben and his orchestra.

Master of Ceremonies was Harv Haugen. Many out-of-town guests attended, among them Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jevne of Ponoka, Mr. and Mrs. Larson, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nelson of Bawlf, and Mrs. Alice Larson of Camrose.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

If you are interested in this typically Norwegian sport, you should phone Helge Nilsen at 434-4300. He will tell you about our own Terwilliger Park, developed last year by Sons of Norway. He will also tell you about instruction courses offered at Blue Lake Centre, Hinton, Alta., which will only cost \$8.00 per day for accommodation, meals, equipment and instruction.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our lodge:

Kari Smith, Harry H. Smith, Stanley N. Haugjord, Helen M. Graham, Harry S. Martinsen, Mrs. K. Storheim and Dianne Storheim.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Irene Hovde and Mrs. Bernice Nyhus have been ill and hospitalized. Our members wish them a speedy recovery and abundant health for the future.

Sig and Selma Sorenson spent the month of October in Calgary where they assisted Mr. B. Guffrey Jones, manager of Sorenson Assurance Service Ltd., 203, 540 12 Ave. S.W., Calgary. They report enjoying Calgary very much. They also spent part of November on business in the cities of Medicine Hat and Lethbridge.

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ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Les Greenham

To open this month's column we shall make a few short comments about our trip to Fort McMurray where we visited our daughter, Karen, and her husband on the long weekend in November.

First off, we had a wonderful visit and while there Ken arranged a tour of G.C.O.S. where he works. The magnitude of it all is almost unbelievable. Such huge machinery they use for removing the tar sand. Then he drove us all over the townsite of Fort McMurray and you just can't imagine the row upon row of mobile homes plus literally hundreds of new homes under construction. We feel it is a trip well worth taking. Thank you, Karen and Ken.

A few comments now about the Saga Singers. On Sun., Nov. 3 the choir sang at Peace Lutheran Church in Spruce Grove at a United Church Service. It was an experience I really enjoyed and I am sure the whole choir enjoyed it also. Thanks to Berky Letourneau for inviting us. Berky is the organist for that congregation.

I would also like to mention that the choir will be performing at the Archives building auditorium on 102 Ave. or, as probably most people know it by, the Museum. The performance will be part of an ethnic Christmas program and will start at 2 o'clock, Dec. 22, or a little later. The exact time is not available at the moment. The whole choir will be in costume. Everybody is welcome and there is no admission charge. And, oh yes, the Fjallkona will be there in her beautiful costume, also.

I was talking to Tody Halldorson on the phone this evening and found out she had just arrived back from a seminar in Red Deer put on by the company she works for. I believe Tody's official capacity is something like Dietary Dietician. Am I close, Tody? Also her sister, Helga, a wonderful personality, we think, re-

turned home to the U.S. after spending several months apparently had a close call with her flight back. There was some kind of failure, however they landed safely.

The next executive meeting of the Icelandic Society will be held at the home of Chris and Lara Hale, 10565 87 Ave., Apt. 202, on Fri., Dec. 6.

STUDY OF ICELANDIC

Christopher Hale is doing a study of Icelandic, spoken by people in Alberta who either were born in the province or who came before they reached the age of fifteen. At the moment he is interviewing and taping in the Markerville area, but after the New Year he will be visiting other parts of Alberta. He would appreciate it if those who qualify, and who would be available for an interview, would send their names, addresses and telephone numbers to him at the Department of Germanic Languages, University of Alberta, Edmonton, so they may be contacted when he is in their area.

William Dempsey Valgardson, Assistant Professor at the University of Victoria, addressed a well-attended meeting on Nov. 2 at the Unitarian Church. This was much enjoyed by all the Icelanders, as well as other guests in attendance. Mr. Valgardson received his degree in Bachelor of Education from the University of Manitoba as well as Master of Fine Arts from the University of Iowa. He has won several prizes for his short stories and recently published the book, *Blood Flowers*, which is available at the Classic Book Store here in Edmonton.

Steini Jonsson and family attended the marriage in Wetaskiwin on Oct. 26 of Steven Deverill, nephew of Clara's and Sherri La-Bossierre. Ivan Jonsson was the ring bearer and Mark Jonsson, candlelighter. Out of town guests included Edmund Watson, uncle of the groom, and his wife, Judith, of Eriksdale, Man.

Our sympathy goes out to

Jo Marvin on the death of her husband, "Curly". Also to Chris McNaughton on the recent death of his brother, Allan.

WEDDING BELLS

St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Spruce Grove, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Sat., Nov. 16, 1974, at 2 p.m., when Pastor Brose officiated at the double-ring ceremony uniting in marriage Anna Clee and George Lund.

Anna chose a lovely gown of pink frosted jersey, with a gathered, draped bodice, long sleeves and flowing skirt. She wore a corsage of deep pink baby roses. This radiant bride was attended by her good friend, Joan Dean, and her daughter, Deanna.

The groom was attended by Ross Campbell as best man and Anna's son, Hal. Hal also served as usher.

During the signing of the register, Deanna sang *O Perfect Love*. The guests then proceeded to the Lake Isle Hall where a delicious dinner was served by the ladies of the community. Steini Jonsson said Grace. Gerald Ambrose, neighbor and friend of the groom, was well chosen as Master of Ceremonies as he managed to keep the guests entertained with his good old-fashioned country humor. The toast to the bride was given by Steini Jonsson, lifetime friend of the bride. The groom's reply to the toast was extremely well thought out, full of humor and ending with the singing of a love song which he, himself, composed for his bride. He received a standing ovation at this point. Ross Campbell was then called upon to extend wishes to the newlyweds, and made a point of, again, welcoming Anna and her family into their community.

An evening of dancing and socializing was enjoyed by all.

Distant guests attending this wedding were George's sisters, Alice and Dorothy, from Trenton, Ont., and the bride's brother, Chris Jonsson, and his friend, Stella Davidson, from Winnipeg. Anna is the niece of Art and Vi Arnfinsson of Edmonton, who also attended the wedding. A couple deserving special mention who attended the wedding was the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lund, of Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Edmonton. Mr. Lund is 91 years old and Mrs. Lund is 86. This couple celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary two years ago. Mr. and Mrs. George Lund, Jr., left on a short honeymoon and on returning will make their home in the Darwell district.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Leifur and Lucille Oddson who will celebrate 24 years of wedded bliss on Dec. 9. Also con-

Icelandic-Canadian Author Visits Edmonton

By Lillian MacPherson

"A Western Canadian home at last. And it feels good. Great, in fact."

That's how W. D. (Bill) Valgardson, Canadian writer of short stories feels about being back in Canada after a six-year sojourn in the United States. He was speaking to the Icelandic Society of Edmonton, a group with whom he feels a close association. He is of Icelandic descent from the Interlake area of Manitoba.

He draws on the people and the traditions of the

about which I really care about."

The sense of community which exists in the Interlake, and particularly in his hometown of Gimli, a community to which he still feels closely tied, although he has been away for several years, provides him with a base from which to work.

Valgardson's stories don't just "happen". The original drafts "happen" or are "inspired", but then the hard work sets in. He takes his stories through twenty or thirty or more drafts, striving for the best he can produce. He describes himself as a "painfully slow writer", writing daily for at least four hours. He also sees himself as an "old-fashioned" writer. He writes to communicate his emotions and ideas to his reading public. Obscurity and surrealism do not sit well with him. He obviously does write what seems real, as people have said to him about his stories, "When did that happen?"

His characters are composites of many characters he has known. They are real, but not any single person. The characters that he builds are highly individualistic. He feels that people who live in isolation develop very strong personalities. He is a solitary person, and the fishermen and farmers he writes about are also solitary people, living isolated lives sometimes for several months at a time.

Valgardson has met with considerable success with his short stories. His collection, *Bloodflowers* (Oberon Press, 1972) has gone through three printings, and the hardcover edition is sold out. He credits the great support from the Icelandic community in Canada for much of this success, although he has certainly been supported by the reading public at large. A second collection, *God Is Not A Fish Inspector*, has been accepted for publication by Oberon Press, and will be available for the 100th anniversary celebration of the Icelandic settlement in Canada in Gimli in the summer of 1975.

The title story of his first collection, *Bloodflowers*, which was originally published in *Tamarack Review* was selected for inclusion in *The Best American Short Stories* 1971, and won the President's Prize at the University of Western Ontario as the best Canadian short story of the year. He has won several other awards for his work, and his poetry and short stories have

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WILLIAM D. VALGARDSON

Interlake in his stories. They are set in a triangle cornered by Lakeport, Arborg and Washow Bay, an area originally settled by Icelanders, but influenced by other cultural groups, particularly the native people, Ukrainians and English. As a writer, he considers himself fortunate to belong to a group with a strong cultural tradition.

"I know who I am, and have something to write congratulations to Alec and Pauline Mitchell who will celebrate 38 years of happiness together on Dec. 14.

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Freda Smith on Dec. 4, her 39th.

To Jo Wetterburg on Dec. 21, her 39th also.

To Les Vigfusson, Dec. 25, his 29th.

To Clara Jonsson, on Dec. 25 also, her 59th, I think.

To Mrs. Helga Johnson, Good Samaritan Nursing Home, on Dec. 27, age unknown.

To Barney Thorlakson, Past Pres. Icelandic Society, on Dec. 31, his 29th.

To Michael Roland Tougas, his 1st birthday on Dec. 29.

To the young people of the Icelandic Society—would you like to join a young people's club? If so, phone Lori Peterson at 466-5759.

And now, a very Merry Christmas to you all and we'll see you in the New Year. □

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Millie Weiss

The November meeting was held on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. with Joan Peterson as chairman. Following the meeting, Bingo was enjoyed with Glen Hallen as host. Thanks, Glen.

No members were reported sick.

On Sun., Nov. 10, at 5 p.m. Skandia Lodge celebrated its 45th anniversary with a pot-luck supper. A good number of members turned out. Members of 45 years and 25 years received pins. A lovely decorated cake was served.

Congratulations to Fay

and Andy Litven on the arrival of their daughter, Nichol Wendy, born Oct. 15, 7 lbs. 9 oz.

COMING EVENTS

Next meeting will be held on Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Dania Room. Ladies Auxiliary will be the host after the meeting.

On Dec. 15, Ron and Karen Runcer will host the Little Peoples Christmas Party at 2 p.m. Santa will make his usual visit.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all the readers wherever you may live — God Jul och Gott Nytt Ar. □

A Christmas Story THE GIFT

By Holger N. Madsen

"Everything that's bad happens to our family," thought Harry as he reached up to fling the last of the sugar beets into the feeder pigs. "Here it is just about Christmas and look at the mess everything is in."

Meditating as deeply as an eight year old boy can, Harry walked to the other end of the barn where his father and Bert, his nine year old brother, were still milking. The odors of the

He spent two glorious, starving years there (at one point Canada Council bailed him out from outright poverty) meeting many of the big names in American writing during this period. Upon completion of his M.F.A. he wrote to every university in Canada seeking employment. Nothing.

Finally he was offered a writer - in - residence situation at Cottey College in Missouri, and took that, and stayed for four years. But he really felt like an ex-patriate in the U.S. and wanted to return to Canada. As he says, "There's nothing wrong with being an American, but when you want to be a Canadian..."

Finally an offer came from the University of Victoria, where he's been affiliated with the Department of Creative Writing since this fall.

As he told his Edmonton audience, "It really is good to be here. I mean it." He was invited by Ritsafn, the new book club sponsored by the Icelandic Society of Edmonton, which is developing a collection of books by Icelanders and about Iceland, in an attempt to keep the cultural values alive. It also hopes to sponsor language lessons, and provide speakers who will enhance the understanding of the culture.

Besides telling about his development as a writer, Valgardson read two poems, "My Daughter" and "Val Playing" and the title story from his next collection, *God Is Not A Fish Inspector*, about Fusi Bergman, retired fisherman, and his daily joust with the inspectors, his failing health, and his daughter, Emma.

In response to questions, he advised aspiring writers to write—keep a journal or diary, but write daily. And to study the descriptive sciences like biology and anthropology in order to develop their ability to "see". "It's not that people can't write, it's that people can't see."

Valgardson's appearance in Edmonton was a significant event for the Icelanders here, and a great kick-off for Ritsafn, which is accepting donations of books for its library. □

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warm milk mingled with the smell of cows as its steam pushed aside the dank morning air. The barn windows were thickly coated with glistening hoar frost and every nailhead on the walls looked like a white polka dot against the dark wood.

As Harry stopped behind the cow that his father was just stripping, he saw that his father's face looked drawn and sort of sad. But then, he thought, Dad has every reason to be a little worried; can't expect him to laugh at a time like this.

"You go in and make breakfast now will you, Harry? Bert and I will

be along pretty soon," said his father as the frown on his face changed to a hint of a smile. Smiling faces were rather rare these days, not only in the Olsen home, but also in a lot of other homes, as people wrestled with the problem of sustenance in the 'hungry thirties'.

Harry moved quickly along the barn walk and let himself out into the crisp clean morning air. Dawn was just beginning to finger its way through the black morning of early December. The mountain peaks to the east always seemed to be the partition between night

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Greetings from Donna

By Donna Cameron

I guess it's time to tell you what I've been doing.

While I was in Chicoutimi I worked with an English class at the community college and I made a scale model of a stage. After we left Chicoutimi we spent five days in Quebec City. That city is really beautiful.

We stayed at a small hotel in Old Quebec that was almost across the street from Chateau Frontenac. Some of us walked through lower Quebec City where all the old shops and buildings are.

On the 9th of November we flew from Quebec City to Montreal to Vancouver. We spent the weekend in Vancouver. It was nice to see and talk to old friends whom I hadn't seen in a long time.

One of my best friends lives in Vancouver now, and it was really good to see her again.

I phoned Mrs. Lil Sumarildson and she is keeping as busy as ever. I also phoned Cyril Fishburne and talked to him for quite awhile. For those people who don't know, he is a son of my godfather and practically an uncle to me.

On Monday the 11th of November, our group got on skis. We took the ferry from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo and then took the island highway up to Campbell River. That is where our second project is. We've been living here for nearly two weeks now. There are fifteen of us living in a very small house.

As for the work we are doing, it consists mostly of

social kinds of work. Some people are working in hospitals, others in kindergartens, daycare centres, some at the community centre. Some are travelling around the different schools doing shows of Latin American music and dance; others are working at newspapers. As for myself I am working at a place called "the centre". It's a drop-in centre that is backed by the drug and alcohol commission.

Thursday night there is a jam session where people bring their own instruments and get together. Friday night they have live entertainment, sometimes it might be a dance band, other times, folk or country folk or jazz and blues players. Saturday night they have a film. Last week it was a W. C. Fields film; tonight it is a Japanese film. Sunday and Monday it is closed. Tuesdays and Wednesdays people drop by to talk or play cards or to sing.

They have a lunch bar here with coffee and different kinds of tea. There are cookies and cakes. I really like working here. It gives me a chance to meet people and talk with them.

It's for sure that I'll be in Edmonton at Christmas time and I am bringing a girl from Mexico City with me.

I hope to see as many of you as possible while I am at home. I know that you will extend to Ernestina the warmth that you extended to me whenever I met with you.

Goodbye for the present. □

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FINNISH SOCIETY

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By Elmer Kankkunen

For a start I wish to apologize for my long absence from this column but in these inflationary times bread and butter needs have highest priority. I had good intentions of writing about my experiences in the north during the summer months, however, working and living conditions were such that I was seldom in a proper frame of mind. I did make quite a few notes which will prove useful in putting together something at a later date. Due to the accumulation of news during my absence this article will be a real potpourri.

Perhaps I should mention recent Society activities first.

A bazaar and dance held Oct. 8 proved to be very successful due to a combination of generous contributors and enthusiastic bidders. In addition to baked goods, etc., articles offered for sale included a painting by Mrs. Luoma, and hand carved decorative candle holders by Mr. V. Rastas.

On November 10, the Turuttaret Trio performed at the Scandinavian Centre for an audience of a 100 plus, some of whom came from such distant places as Calgary, High Level, Lac La Biche, etc.

These three very talented and versatile young women sang mainly of love, not

only in Finnish but in a total of 14 different languages, while playing their own musical accompaniment. Considering the lack of proper stage facilities, it was amazing how they were able to transport their audience from one country to another without once knocking over a prop or tripping over anything. For many, it was a rediscovery of the beauty of Finnish music and the Finnish language of love.

A sad note was introduced to the evening's festivities with the news of the passing of Mr. Tauno Salomaa at Kelowna, B.C. Prior to moving to Kelowna last June, Tauno and his family had resided in Edmonton since 1951. He had served for many years as president of the Finnish Society and also on the executive of the Scandinavian Centre. Mrs. Anne Sahuri promised to provide additional information in a separate article to the Scandinavian Centre News.

The tables were turned when our perennial flower girl, Mrs. Bertha Rama, became the recipient, rather than the sender, of flowers at a surprise 70th birthday celebration recently. Mrs. Rama has a rather unique background in the sense that she was born in the United States, immigrated to Canada as a child with her parents, actually travelled here in a covered wagon and still speaks Finnish fluently. She sends her thanks in the following note:

"I wish to thank all my

FORMER FINNISH SOCIETY PRES. DIES

By Airi Langeste

A long time Edmonton resident, Tauno Salomaa, died on Nov. 8, 1974, in Kelowna, B.C., of heart failure, at the age of 55.

Mr. Salomaa was a well-known and respected member of the Edmonton Finnish community and served as the president of the Finnish Society for many years. He was also on the board of directors at the founding of the Scandinavian Centre.

Mr. Salomaa was born in Antrea, Finland, on Aug. 1, 1919. He emigrated to Canada in 1951 and lived friends who came over to help me celebrate my special birthday recently.

"Thank you all for the lovely gift, flowers, and ladies, for the nice lunch.

"Special thanks for the Finnish Society for a lovely flower arrangement. To my children and their families, and Sister and her husband, and nieces and families, for the nice gifts and flowers. It was so nice to be remembered by all, which made my day most enjoyable. Thank you." — Bertha Rama.

Although a couple of the items will be past history by the time this paper is published, a listing of coming events is as follows:

Thursday, November 21

At the Augustana Lutheran Church, Finnish Service and Social Hour. Honoured guests, Bishop and Mrs. Erkki Kansanako of Tampere, Finland.

Saturday, November 30

Adults Christmas Party at the Scandinavian Centre, Nordic Room, 8:00 p.m. Taped music, Santa Claus, rice pudding, etc. (no lutefisk).

Friday, December 6

Augustana Lutheran Church, Finnish Independence Day Service. Guest Speaker — Pastor Rankinen from High Level, Alta.

Sunday, December 8

Scandinavian Centre, 2 p.m., Children's Christmas Party.

Our president, Heikki Sario, and his side kick, Markku Erkvaara, are going to spend Christmas in Finland. Bon voyage!

Which reminds me that this is the December edition. Christmas means different things to different people. It certainly brings out the glutton in me and I look forward to stuffing myself with "lipeakalaa" (lutefisk, the kids hate the smell), "kinkkua", (smoked ham), "riisipuuroa" (rice pudding), "rosollia" (a salad which defies translation), to mention a few.

Well, I hope that old gent, "joulu pukki", leaves everyone lots of goodies under the Christmas spruce.

Have a good Christmas and take care while driving. Hauskaa Joulua ja onnellista uutta Vuotta!



TAUNO SALOMAA

in Edmonton with his family until moving to Kelowna in June, 1973.

He is survived by his wife, Aira, and their youngest daughter, Anita, in Kelowna, son, Rainier, from Sudbury, Ont., and daughters, Diana and Mrs. Rita Tilley, in Edmonton, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Kelowna on Mon., Nov. 11, with the son of the deceased, Reverend Rainier Salomaa officiating. Interment was at the Kelowna cemetery.

Turuttaret Trio

By Airi Langeste

The highlight of the season for the Edmonton Finnish community certainly was the recent visit by the musical group "Turuttaret Trio". This trio is billed as one of the most popular singing and instrumental groups from Finland.

The "Turuttaret Trio" appeared at the Scandinavian Centre Viking Room on the 10th of November, 1974, and their talent was very well received indeed. Their repertoire is rich, to say the least, and contains musical entertainment of many different varieties, including well-known Finnish folk songs, modern popular songs as well as songs from a dozen or so other countries, in the

In Remembrance of TAUNO SALOMAA

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I have sought beauty through the dust of strife,
I have sought meaning for the ancient ache,
And music in the grinding wheels of life;
Long have I sought, and little found as yet beyond this truth:
That Love alone can make earth beautiful,
and life without regret.

"The Final Lesson" by the Canadian poet Arthur Stringer.

original languages. They sing in 14 different languages.

The trio consists of Maire Tammenlaakso, accordionist and leader, Hannele Lehtonen, bass guitar and featured vocalist, and Amelita Tammela, drums and featured vocalist.

On their present tour, the group has performed in Toronto, Sudbury, Timmins, Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Montreal, Winnipeg and Calgary. After leaving Edmonton on Nov. 11, they will have several appearances in Kitimat, including some on radio and TV. From there they go to Salmon Arm and then finish the Canadian leg of their tour in Vancouver. They will continue in the United States and end this tour in California about the end of January, 1975.

Their latest record album, "From Finland With Love", which contains some of the songs from the "Turuttaret Trio" repertoire was a hot-selling item after the performance.

We hope to see them again next year.



TURUTTARET TRIO of Finland — AMELITA TAMMELA, MAIRE TAMMENLAAKSO and HANNELE LEHTONEN.

CHRISTMAS

When it's Christmas man is bigger and is better in his part;
He is keener for the service that is prompted by the heart.
All the petty thoughts and narrow seem to vanish for awhile
And the true reward he's seeking is the glory of a smile.
Then for others he is toiling and somehow it seems to me
That at Christmas he is almost what God wanted him to be.

— Edgar A. Guest

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DANIA DOINGS



By Lili Nielsen

DANIA'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BINGO will be held on Dec. 18, 1974, at 8 p.m. in the Nordic Room. Come and bring your friends, too. They are all welcome—the more the merrier.

This year we shall be having a WHISTDRIVE in December which will be held on Dec. 10, 1974. We hope to see you all even though it is getting close to Christmas.

The Board of Directors wish to inform everyone who is bringing a child to our Christmas Party that the date of the party is Dec. 22 and not December 15 as previously advertized. We hope this date will suit everyone and we apologize for the mistake.

DANIA held their annual general meeting on Oct. 23. The newly elected Directors are as follows:

President — Claus Jacobsen - 489-1494

Vice-President — Sven Christensen - 476-5934

Treasurer — Bendt Nielsen - 452-2652

Secretary — Lili Nielsen - 435-5655

Members at large — Kirsten Lindegger - 489-5890

Ole Hansen - 435-6135

Tage Aaquist - 475-3520

Substitutes — Erik Landsberg and Alfred Baumann

Revisors — Svend Nielsen and Borge Hansen

DANIA'S ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DANCE will be held on Jan. 4, 1975, at 7 p.m. in the Viking Room. We hope to see a lot of you come out for this event and we shall be having Herrings and Open Face Sandwiches supplied by Lissi Jensen and we are sure that anyone who attended our October

NEWS FROM ANSGAR LUTHERAN

By Pastor H.N. Madsen

At Ansgar, preparations and plans are in the making and have been made to help everyone in their celebrations of the Christmas season.

The first activity of the month is the Ladies Aid Christmas Party to be held on Wed., Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. in the church parlors. This will be a warm social evening to which everyone is invited.

There will be singing of the familiar Christmas carols both in Danish and English, as well as an opportunity to purchase some Christmas baking, etc.

And then, of course, to complete the evening there will be the sociable cup of coffee. Come along and bring a friend and get yourself

Dance will want to attend this evening also. Limited tickets in the amount of \$7.00 per person are available from the Board members and Vera Nielsen. Get your tickets early.

DON'T FORGET BIKUBEN'S BAZAAR ON DEC. 7 AT 10 P.M. AT THE CENTENNIAL MALL.

We would like to inform you that DANIA FOOTBALL CLUB will be playing the following games in December and hope that some of you will support them by attending:

Tue., Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. — Polonia vs Dania

Sun., Dec. 15 at 5:00 p.m. — International vs Dania

Sun., Dec. 22 at 5:00 p.m. — Edm. Thistle vs Dania

All games will be played at the Kinsmen Field House.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Glædelig Jul - Godt Nytaar.

Have you renewed your membership for 1975? If not, please send for it right away. The price is \$5.00 per year for single or family. Use this coupon to send it to the Secretary, Mrs. Lili Nielsen, 3903 - 111A St., Edmonton, Alta. T6J 1G2:

in the right frame of mind to celebrate Christmas.

On Dec. 22 at our morning worship we shall use the hour for a special Christmas program presented by our Sunday School kids, and here especially we encourage all adults, as well as Grandmas and Grandpas to come and hear the kids tell the story of Christmas in their own unique way.

Christmas Eve Services will be held as usual in both languages, with English Service at 3 p.m., and Danish at 4. Remember to come early so that you may get a seat. Christmas Day Service is at 11 a.m. in English.

On Fri., Dec. 27 at 8 p.m. we shall have an Old Fashioned Family Christmas Party in the Eastwood Community Hall, 11803 86 St. Here we shall have the traditional Christmas tree which both children and adults can dance around and sing their favorite carols in whatever language strikes their fancy. There will also be given an opportunity to present special numbers, such as singing, etc.

A unique feature will be that of gifts; but instead of the children getting gifts, (they seem to get more than they need) they will be asked to give gifts and to place them under the Christmas tree. You are asked to have the gift nicely wrapped and to print on the label whether the gift is for a boy or a girl and what age group it would suit. These gifts will then be given to the Lutheran Association of Missionary and Pilots, who have three pastors with airplanes that fly to the isolated communities in the far northern regions of both Alberta and Saskatchewan. Then we shall let those pastors distribute these presents to kids who would not otherwise receive any gifts.

We hope by this means to say to our northern neighbors that we are grateful to God for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas, and that we wish them to share in this joy.

But this opportunity is not limited to children only. We are sure that there are many men and women who would be most grateful for a gift of warm mitts, socks, scarves or whatever else you can think of.

We shall attempt to have with us for that evening Pastor Stahlke, executive director of LAMP, to show us slides of their work, or if he is not able to be with us in person we shall try to get the slides, so that you may see for yourselves

what it means to some of those who live in the remotest corners of our own land, to hear the Good News, that Christ came for all men's salvation. After all that is the story of Christmas, is it not???

In view of the fact that in past years the Church has been less than crowded for the New Year's Day Service, the Church Board has decided to try something new this year. Therefore in place of the New Year's Day Service, we shall instead have a New Year's Eve Communion Service at 5 p.m. We would encourage all members and friends to take advantage of this opportunity to see the old year out in God's House, at His altar. This service will be in English.

ANSGAR YOUTH CLUB

Ansgar Youth Club met Nov. 17 at the Towne Cinema to see the movie, "The Dove". All agreed that this was a most excellent show. Their next meeting, on Dec. 1, will take the form of a skating party and wiener roast at Evergreen Acres. Be at the Church at 3 p.m. for a ride. Bring your skates, hockey sticks, wieners and buns, and we shall supply the hot chocolate. We trust that by then our 1 1/2 acres of ice will be thick enough to support everyone. This will be the last meeting in 1974.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Tues., Nov. 19, with a full house in attendance. A jubilant spirit of good-will and co-operation prevailed and the business at hand was quickly expedited leaving time for coffee and fellowship.

Kris Kristensen was re-elected by acclamation to another one-year term as President. For the three existing vacancies on the Church Board a total of 9 concerned persons let their names stand for election. The 3 successful candidates were: Jorgen Carstensen, Niels Gran and Ove Klostergaard. We welcome these three men to the Board membership, and we extend our most grateful thanks to the unsuccessful candidates. The voting was extremely close, and only a vote or two separated the winners from the losers. So we hope that next year the candidates who were not elected this year will again show their interest and support by permitting their names to stand for election.

LADIES AID

Ladies Aid also has a new executive slate for the coming year consisting of the following: President — Joanne Thompson; Vice-President — Karen Jensen; Secretary — Alice Kristensen; Treasurer — Mary Jensen; Birthday Dollar Secretary — Nikko Petersen. The Ladies Aid reminds all

Scandinavian Christmas

Christmas celebrating begins early in Finland—on the last Sunday of November, called "Little Christmas".

On Christmas Eve the custom is for a visit to the sauna to precede a lavish meal. The main dish is usually a great ham. Prior to this, there is a dish of lutefisk—specially prepared cod served with cream sauce and boiled potatoes.

Christmas morning dawns with church services at 7 a.m. Boys roam the countryside portraying the wise men of the East and singing Christmas songs. On December 26, St. Stephen's Day, horse races are held along country roads.

Christmas Eve and the 25th of December are the big family events of the year in Denmark. The traditional Christmas Eve dinner is a delight. Rice porridge sprinkled with cinnamon and a piece of butter in the centre and raspberry juice. Succulent roast goose stuffed with apples and prunes and served with red cabbage and small potatoes. An old custom is the hiding of an almond in the rice porridge. Its finder will be awarded a prize.

After dinner it is the custom for all to join hands and dance around the candle-lit tree singing some of the old Christmas hymns. Then comes the time for the brightly colored gift packages to be exchanged about the tree.

Norway's Christmas extends over a period of 13 days—from Christmas Eve until the "Day of the Three Wise Men" on January 6. But the preparations start weeks ahead. The "Christmas Pig" is customary and every part of the animal is used for some traditional holiday dish. There are sausages, hams, cutlets, ribs and pickled feet.

On the farms all work ceases at four o'clock in the afternoon of December 24 when the church bells announce the beginning of the period of "Christmas peace". A ham dinner is followed by coffee and cakes and as many as 14 different kinds of cookies.

Early morning church services open the first day of Christmas followed by a family gathering. December 26, called "Second Day

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ladies that new faces are always welcome, so why don't you come and join them? You'll be glad you did, and so will they.

With this, then, we wish all the members and friends of Ansgar in "Glædelig Jul og Nyt Aar", or Christmas and a Happy Year", with thank year passed and expectancy of the come.

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RONNING LODGE

By Grace Hansen

Now that everyone is getting settled back to a regular routine, we look back to activities of the Lodge during the summer months.

In June, a Horse Shoe Tournament and Dance was sponsored by the Sports Committee and the Jr. Lodge manned a booth at the Jaywalkers Jamboree.

We were proud to have won 2nd place in the non-commercial float entry in the Camrose Fair Parade. An interesting booth was set up in the Exhibition Building which drew much attention. A 19" color television set was raffled off by the Lodge and Ken Torpe was the lucky ticket holder. A profit of approximately \$1200 was realized from ticket sales.

In August, 21 members attended the 43rd Supreme Convention in Banff, including the Ladies Drill Team who performed at various functions. There were 9 members from the Jr. Lodge in attendance at the Norwegian Language Camp held at Silver Summit.

In September, a Sadie Hawkins Dance was held when the Ronning Lodge celebrated their 4th Anniversary.

A Potluck supper was enjoyed at our October meeting when two new members were initiated.

Bowling is now underway with four teams participating in the Tuesday Morning League, and eight teams in the Friday Night League.

Curling will begin on Nov.

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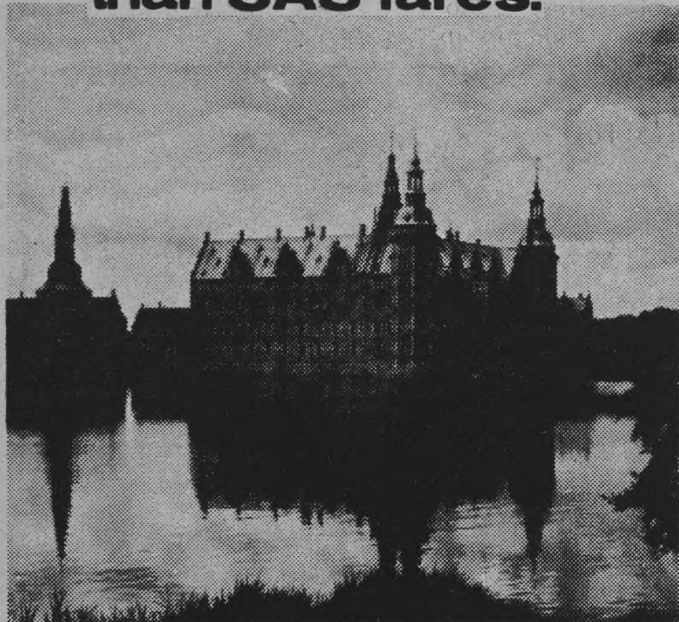
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25th Wedding

Anniversary in Viking

By Maureen Hafso

On Oct. 20, Open House was held in the Viking Lutheran Church honouring Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hafso on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Herman is a member of the Scandinavian Centre.

Three of their bridal attendants were seated with them at the head table; Maid of Honour, Hazel Kuscinkis of Camrose, Best Man, Arnold Hafso of Viking, and Sid Haukedal of Swift Current, Sask.

Stan Hafso and Dave McKill of Edmonton shared the duties as Master of

7 with only three teams registered to date.

So far, there are about 60 members who plan to participate in the Sports Weekend '75 to be held in Grande Prairie.

On Nov. 23, we hope to see a lot of you fellow members at our annual Lutfisk Supper and Dance which will be held at the Moose Hall this year (5001 52 Ave.)

Ceremonies for the program held during the afternoon. A variety of musical numbers were presented, recalling many familiar songs of past years.

Greetings were expressed by Viking Mayor Selmer Hafso, Pastor David Larson and other friends and relatives.

The bride and groom were also surprised with a telephone call from Gordon Hafso of North Hollywood.

Throughout the afternoon, lunch was served to the guests by the Lutheran Church women.

CHRISTMAS

The whole world is a Christmas tree,
And stars its many candles be.

O, sing a carol joyfully,
The world's great feast in keeping;

For once on a December night,

An angel held a candle bright,
And led three wise men by its light,

To where a child was sleeping.



Attention was focussed on a beautifully decorated birthday cake as the Sons of Norway Ronning Lodge No. 504 marked the fourth anniversary at a Sadie Hawkins Dance held September 14. Proudly displaying the cake are PAULINE MacDONALD, Social Director; ROALD TORPE, President; and BEV SERVOLD, Cultural Director. The cake was made and decorated by JOANNE COURTNEY of Camrose. It features the Sons of Norway emblem done in hundreds of intricate blue, gold, and red droplets of icing. The background is highlighted with a snow-capped mountain complete with forests and goats, symbolic of Norway. Hagar the Horrible (left back corner), a Mayflower, Norway's national flower, and Norwegian flags complete the beautiful ethnic design. Four tall tapers represent the four years since the Ronning Lodge was chartered.

CHRISTMAS

Tinsel and ribbon, popcorn and snow,
Little ones kneeling, eyes all aglow.

Spicy excitement, a bright shining tree...
This is what Christmas means to me.

Giving, receiving, gifts filled with love,
Blessing the Savior, gift from above.

Humbly grateful, this day just to be...
This is what Christmas means to me.

— Erma White

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CHRISTMAS

Christmas", marks the part of the holidays when there is dancing, music and revelry. Guests bring some of their own Christmas bounty to share with their hosts. To end the season, children invite their friends the first week in January to Christmas tree parties and dress in outlandish costumes and go from house to house on goodies-collecting expeditions.

St. Lucia Day on December 13 is generally regarded as the harbinger of the Christmas season in Sweden and January 13 traditionally marks the end. In the St. Lucia festival, old and new blend harmoniously. Lucia was a martyred Christian maiden who later became a favorite of the Vikings because of the day of her martyrdom signaled the coming of lighter days under the old Julian calendar. To celebrate the day, families are awakened in the dark morning by the eldest daughter who is attired in a white flowing gown and a crown of lighted candles. She sings a song called Santa Lucia and serves coffee and newly baked Lucia buns. The ceremony is later repeated in offices, hospitals, schools, etc.

December 24 and Christmas Day, however, connote the high point of the season. The Christmas Eve dinner, strictly a family affair, begins with smorgasbord, followed by cod fish and ham as the main courses. Rice porridge ends the meal and is followed by the handing out of gifts.

Predawn religious services, "Julotta", are observed throughout Sweden on Christmas Day which thereafter is a day of rest. The season officially ends on January 13 with the "dancing out of Christmas" which for the young means the plundering of the tree and a final party when each participant receives a bag of goodies.

So, as the Danes say: "Glaedelig Jul"; the Finns: "Hyvää Joulua"; the Norwegians and the Swedes: "God Jul".

NORTHERN LIGHTS

By Shirley Olson

The summer activities are ended and now the fall is on us and, as usual, a busy schedule is planned.

The first fall function took place on Oct. 19 with our Halloween Masquerade Dance. Judging was very difficult, as the costumes were all so very good.

The next big function is our Lutefisk and Meatball Supper on Nov. 23. This year a program will follow the supper.

Plans have been drawn up for a building for a "home" for our Lodge but now money is the big holdup. We are hoping that each one who is a member will take an active part in supporting the lodge. Remember, a lodge is only as alive as the members who are in it. It's something to think about.

A Christmas party is also being planned and we all look forward to this family function.

LETTERS

I wish to thank all those who, in any manner, honored my late husband's memory.

Thank you for the many beautiful floral offerings, the cards, the telegrams and the phone calls I received.

I also wish to thank those who remembered Tauno during his illness.

Aira Salomaa and children
Kelowna, B.C.

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and day.

"Everything's so black around here," mumbled Harry to himself. "I'll bet that it won't even get to be light at all today, maybe even the sun is sad."

As he scraped his boots off at the kitchen door he peeked through the window, half hoping, almost expecting to see someone in the kitchen. But everything was dark and black. He saw nothing but the small cracks and dots of glowing embers that glittered through the unnatural openings of the

battered old McClary wood stove. Stepping into the snug kitchen, Harry groped for a match and lit the kerosene lamp.

As he washed up in the basin on the washstand, Harry glanced at the Watkins Products calendar that hung over the water pail. Yesterday was Sunday, so today must be the eighth of December, just two more Sundays and it would nearly be Christmas. It sure seemed like mother had been gone for more than just three days. His eyes suddenly fastened on that horrible circle around November third. That was the day that marked the start of all this bad luck. But at the time it had seemed like the beginning of good fortune, 'Better times,' his father had called it. Boy, was he ever off that time.

Harry remembered how, in their morning devotions, his father had thanked God that He had helped them to find a market for all their potatoes, and how he had also prayed God to forgive him for thinking and worrying that maybe He had forgotten all about us and we'd have to let the potatoes rot in the root cellar. Harry also remembered how they had all worked so frantically to get all the spuds sorted, sacked, and loaded into the boxcar on time. And even though mother was feeling awfully bad she had been the one who sewed all the sacks closed. When they were all finished, his father had given each of the boys fifteen cents to spend in any way they wanted to. That had meant a whole two weeks supply of big, black jaw-breakers—he could still taste them. And his father had even said that when the rest of the money came, there would be a real special treat for them and probably even some real dandy Christmas presents, too. But so far, that was only a dream, the money hadn't come yet and neither had the treats, not to mention the Christmas presents.

His father had written letters to the man who came and bought the spuds but no reply had come, and he had even gone to the town to phone long distance, but that hadn't helped either. The man and the potatoes had both disappeared. And then on top of all that his mother had had to go away, far away, to that strange place called 'The Hospital'.

With all these thoughts racing around in his young mind, Harry started to prepare breakfast. But as usual, he scorched the porridge, and the coffee didn't smell anywhere near like the coffee that mother made. But his father always said that it was the best coffee that he had ever tasted.

After breakfast that morning, his father said that he was going to town so the boys could get a ride to school in the sleigh with him.



Kitchen Corner

Sand Bakels are tasty and very attractive. They have a special appeal for the holiday season.

SAND BAKELS (Fancy Tarts)

Preheat oven to 350°.

Crust
Mix:
1 c. and 2 tbsp. butter
1 c. sugar
1. Add:
1 egg
1 big tbsp. heavy or whipping cream
Beat well together.
2. Add:
3 c. and 3 tbsp. flour (add more flour if dough is too sticky)
3. Add:
1 tsp. almond extract
Press dough into tart forms or tart tins and bake. The dough should be about 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick. Bake until golden brown.

Fill with whipping cream. (In Denmark the tarts are filled with vanilla pudding.) Then put a layer of strawberries or strawberry jam, then a layer of whipping cream, and a cherry on top.

Welcome home for Christmas . . . and what

Stopping at the school their father said, "I'm going to phone the hospital and talk to your mother, and then I'll stop in on my way back to let you know how she is."

The first hour of school seemed to drag on and on. Harry couldn't read not add nor anything, he just couldn't keep his mind on it. Finally there was a knock at the door, all thirty kids in the one-room school heard it and stopped their work. The teacher excused herself and went to answer the knock. Harry held his breath, he could hear his heart pounding. Could that be his father at last? Why didn't the teacher hurry back, maybe it wasn't his father anyway, probably just the janitor. At long last the teacher returned with a big smile on her face.

"Bert and Harry," she said, "your father is in the hall. He has some good news for you."

Boy, thought Harry, finally the potato money has come. Hurrying out, the boys found their father standing in the cloakroom, a big grin creasing his leathery face and his eyes sparkling.

"Did the money come?" both boys asked together.

"No," replied their father,

"Is mother coming

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juice. Chill 1/2 cup lime Jello until syrupy.

Fold 1 cup prepared Dream Whip into mixture. Pour over red Jello and chill until almost firm. Chill remaining lime Jello until syrupy.

Fold in pineapple tidbits. Pour over other Jello and chill. When ready to serve, pile remaining Dream Whip into centre and garnish with almonds and Maraschino cherries.

SCANDINAVIAN RECIPE FOR DECEMBER PRUNE TARTS

By Airi Langeste

Quick and easy Finnish prune tarts for Christmas.

1/2 pint whipping cream
6 1/2 dl. (3 cups) white flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
400 gr. (1 lb. less 2 tblsp.) butter

Mix flour and baking powder in a bowl, then add the cream and lastly, the butter, mixing it well with a fork or using your fingers into a nice smooth dough. Let it cool well in the refrigerator while you make the filling.

Filling
1 lb. dried prunes (remove the pits)
1 cup sugar (or less)
lemon juice

Let the prunes soak a short while and then cook them into a puree. Let the puree cool well before filling the tarts.

After making the tarts in your own favorite shapes, place them on ungreased cookie sheets, which should be kept in the refrigerator again for a short time before baking.

Brush with egg yolk and bake in a very hot oven, about 450° till golden in color.

Try them and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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BUFORD VASA LODGE

By Dolores Johnson

The Oct. 24th meeting of Buford Vasa Lodge was preceded by the annual "Pancake Supper". As usual it was delicious, and enjoyed by all. A vote of thanks to the hosting committee. A fair number of members were in attendance including six guests from Nordstjarnan — G. L. D. John Holmlund and Mrs. Holmlund, District Deputy Bertha Edin and her husband, Dan Edin, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tapio.

After the committee reports were made, the main business consisted of nomination of officers for the coming year. These will be voted upon at the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned after short speeches by both the Grand and District Lodge Deputies.

The fall social at the Glen Park Hall was a pleasant evening indeed. Although a small crowd attended, a very nice profit was realized. The hard work of the committee and the peppy music of Br. Helge Erickson's orchestra helped to make it a real "swingin' event".

Get well wishes go out to Eric Kvarnberg, Myrna Vallan and Evelyn Modin, all of whom have been hospitalized recently.

Congratulations to Irma Anderson and George Skjersven on their recent marriage. May you have many years of happiness! To Janet Davies and George Lawrence, congratulations and best wishes on your marriage.

Roger Gunsch has been fairly busy this summer in "riding and roping". He won several awards in the various competitions.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Bergstrom brothers on the passing of their brother, Isadore. Sympathy, although belated, to Sr. Gertie Holmgren and girls in their loss.

Sr. Ella Engstrom, of

Sten Sture Frihet, Chicago, spent a few days with her brother and sister-in-law, Erling and Mary Lunde. She was accompanied home by her 91 year old mother who intends to stay with her for a few months.

I'd like to say hello to the nice Danish people whom we met at a wedding in Red Deer. Wish I could remember your names. NOTE: They made wonderful open face sandwiches, the kind which you see only in Denmark and Sweden. Scrumptious!!!

Would you please phone me some news for this column? It's very difficult to do when I don't know what is going on. □

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home?" queried Harry.

"Pretty soon," responded his father, "and she is bringing two baby girls with her."

The boys' mouths dropped open.

"Two girls," they said. "When can we see them? How big are they? What are their names?" the boys blurted.

"They aren't very big so they won't be home for a week or more, meanwhile we have to think of some good names for them. But you boys see what you can think of."

Then their father left and the boys returned beaming to their desks, and the teacher told the whole school the good news.

As they walked home that afternoon, Harry was bubbling over talking about all kinds of girls' names, but Bert was awfully quiet, he didn't seem at all enthusiastic.

"Harry," he said, "I've been thinking that those two babies are going to cost Dad an awful lot of money. How is he ever going to pay for them unless we get the money for the potatoes, and Christmas only two weeks

away? You know what else? Without any money, Dad can't even send away to Eatons for anything, and mother isn't home to help him, and we probably won't get a thing for Christmas this year."

Harry hadn't thought of that angle, but the idea sobered him and suddenly he couldn't think of any more nice twin girls' names.

That evening after supper when the dishes had been cleared away, their father told them that they must be prepared for a little different kind of Christmas this year than what they were used to having. Mother would have to have a lot of rest, and she probably wouldn't have the time or the strength to bake 'kringle' and 'peppernuts' as she generally did. And on top of all this there had been bad news from Uncle John in the city, the one who always gave the nice Christmas present. He had been without work for a long time, and had written to see if we could spare them a sack of vegetables so that they could have a treat for Christmas.

During the next few weeks Harry and Bert weren't the excited boys that usually enlivened the Olsen household at this season of the year. Their mother had come home with the twins. They were happy for that, of course, but those two little girls sure seemed to be an awful lot of bother, and seemed to take all their mother's time, either feeding them, or changing their diapers, or washing their diapers, or rocking them to sleep. Some sisters they turned out to be, they were just no help at all.

Finally Christmas Eve came anyway. The tree had been put up and decorated and now it was lit, using the leftovers from last year's candles. And, as was the tradition in their home, father read the Christmas Gospel, with several interruptions from the twins. And even though Harry had a bad cough, and Bert had a runny nose, they still sang a few Christmas carols, but the excitement was missing. Maybe what bothered the boys the most was the few small gifts that were under the tree. They could never remember them being that few, not that small. And after they had opened them all, including the special one from Uncle John, which was always saved until the very last, the boys looked at their meagre accumulation of practical gifts. There was a handkerchief from Denmark, a pair of home-knit mitts and socks from mother and father, and from Uncle John, a tie-clip with their initials on it. Nice, but small. Looking at each other in disappointment their eyes welled up with tears; there wasn't a single toy; not one fun thing at all.

"If this is Christmas," sniffed Bert, "I don't like it."

"I wish there would be no more Christmases if this is all that we get," sobbed Harry.

"Come here, boys," said their father as he motioned them to him. "Let me try to tell you what Christmas really is."

As the two wet eyed boys settled themselves on their father's lap, he began to tell them what Christmas really meant. He told them of all the gifts that they had received through all their young years — health, strength, strong bodies, good minds. He reminded them that though times were hard right now, they had always had enough to eat. Not always white bread, but then, brown bread was better for you, anyway. And he reminded them further that they had a warm home, and parents who loved them and cared about them. And even though they did not always think of these as gifts, they still were gifts. Then he told them about God's biggest gift, His only Son, Jesus Christ, who came to earth as a baby, no bigger than the twins, and how He grew to be a man who loved everybody, but not everybody loved Him, some men even hated Him. They hated Him so much that they hung Him on a cross to die. But this did not stop God nor Jesus from loving people, for He came back from the dead, and still lives in heaven, and still cares about and still loves people. And it is to remember this gift from God that we celebrate Christmas. We light the tree, we give gifts, we get gifts; sometimes they are big, sometimes small, but they are all intended to help us remember God's great gift to men.

After their father had finished, there was a long silence, as the boys watched the flickering of the candles on the tree. The old heater in the corner sent forth a warm glow, while the tea kettle purred softly. Suddenly Harry's voice broke the stillness.

"Father," he asked, "would it be alright if I gave my new mitts to Ole Petersen? He hasn't got any good ones, and his hands are always so cold?"

"And I've got lots of Denmark hankies in my drawer," interrupted Bert. "Could I give this to my friend, George; he always uses rags for hankies?"

"That would be fine, boys," said their father, as he walked over towards the heater, blowing his nose.

Then they all went and stood around the cradle and looked in at the twins peacefully asleep — they were God's gift to the Olsens this Christmas. And somewhere off in the distance, and yet it seemed to be all around him, Harry thought he heard singing, "Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace."

The End

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FORT SMITH

The town of Fort Smith has a population of about 2,700 people, a great many of them are of German origin, and the town is named after Donald Alexander Smith, Resident Governor.

Also, the town owes its existence to the fact that there are four sets of rapids on the Slave River, right by the town is the worst one called Rapids Of The Drowned. People had to get off the river and travel by land in the rapids area, so the Hudsons Bay Company established a trading post at the north end of the rapids in 1874.

By jet, Fort Smith is only about an hour from Edmonton, and it is also connected with the Mackenzie Highway. However, we travelled by propeller plane and took three hours to get there. This made our schedule pretty tight, as among others, Honorable Horst Schmid had to be back in Edmonton next afternoon. This, combined with bad weather in the morning, didn't give the sports enthusiasts too much time to go fishing, but even so, one of the lady Schuhplattler caught a rainbow trout to take home to prepare for the Sunday night supper.

This is great country for hunting and fishing, and we all said we would like to go back and spend more time at Fort Smith. The hospitality of the people there was excellent. Many people also had the impression that we had just arrived from Bavaria. One young man came to me, shook hands and said: "Welcome to Canada," even though I probably arrived here before he was born.

Personally, I am afraid of the north, or at least, I have a great respect for it, and I believe most Scandinavians have the same point of view. In old Norse mythology, Niflheim, the abode of the dead, is described as a cold and damp place, and that might prove that the old Northmen were more afraid of cold than heat.

Someone said there are far more men than women in places like Fort Smith, but it is my advice to single girls to go there first and look around, and don't rush.

I was also told that if you stay long enough in the north country you will not be able to like it anywhere else, so that even if you move south, you will always long for the serenity and the unpolluted life up north. A man told me he had been all over Canada, but the most beautiful spot he had seen was a lake a few miles from Fort Smith.

In conclusion, I will say that Fort Smith is mainly a government town with several Government of

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A History of the West Canada District of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

(This is the last chapter in this series by Pastor Holger N. Madsen of the Edmonton Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church on "A History of the West Canada District of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in America". If you enjoyed this series I'm sure Pastor Madsen would like to hear from you. Write to him at: The Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church, 9554 108A Ave., Edmonton, Alta.; Phone 467-3492 or 422-8777. — Editor)

CHAPTER VIII THE NEW AGE

And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them . . . (Ezekiel 11:19)

The new age of the WC District of the UELC was ushered in by: placing a full time pastor in the first all-English Home Mission parish of Chancellor-Hussar-Makepeace; (1) changing the name of Kirken og Hjemmet to Church and Home, and giving the English language content equal space with the Danish; (2) the 1948 District convention recommendation . . . that all reports be brought to the convention in the English language; (3) statement of the Ways and Means Committee, that it "was of the opinion that the Winnipeg-Ostenfeld parish had reached the stage where it should welcome all nationalities into membership and fellowship." (4)

The general attitude of this new age of Canadian Lutheranism in the District is reflected in the president's report to the Synodical convention in 1948:

Co-operation among the Lutherans is much in evidence. Christian fellowship is enriched by pastors and people of the Danish Lutheran Church (AELC), of the Danish Church in Foreign Lands (DKU), and of other Lutheran Synods. We meet at district conventions, at Sylvan Lake Bible Camp, at the Canadian Lutheran Bib-

(1) Wcdm., p. 95. Deposited in the files of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada Archives, Saskatoon, Sask.

(2) Ibid., p. 100.

(3) Ibid.

(4) Ibid., p. 106.

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FORT SMITH

Canada Administrative Branch offices, and the main schools for the area are there.

It is a great town with a great future, and if you want to go buffalo hunting, that is the place to go. □

le Institute, and in the work of the Bethany Home for the Aged. During a pastoral vacancy we call upon each other for supply services. The day is anticipated when the Canadian Lutheran Council be established and become a vital factor for the good of the people of the Lutheran faith scattered throughout the Dominion. (5)

However, there were also problems in this transition from Danish to Canadian emphasis. The District president cites three in particular: 1. how to properly divide the language content of the Church and Home; 2. what steps to take in providing secondary education for children of the District; 3. how to get enough men for the ministry. (6)

In regard to the last mentioned problem the District president (himself a U.S. citizen) says:

...our congregations are sincerely grateful for the pastors who have come from Denmark or from the States to minister to the spiritual needs. But the feeling is general: they are here on a prolonged visit; they are not here to stay. Men for the ministry must arise from our own midst in order to render the best service . . . To find the young men, to train the young men, to retain the young men, that is the problem . . . (7)

The problem of too few pastors for the increasing mission potentialities was one which the WC District had to wrestle with for the duration of its existence. In 1951 the District president states that "The greatest burden on our hearts with regard to Home Mission work in Canada is the want of younger pastors who will venture into Home Mission work." (8)

To add further to the burden of the pastor shortage immigrants began once again to pour into Canada. (9) The WC District felt it was responsible for the spiritual welfare of these new Canadians, especially those with Lutheran backgrounds. (10) At the 1951 District convention a resolution was adopted to begin a special immigration service in Winnipeg, (11) and ear-

(5) Yrbk., pre-con., pp. 86-87.

(6) Ibid., p. 87.

(7) Ibid.

(8) Yrbk., 1951, pre-con., p. 54.

(9) Ibid.

(10) Ibid.

(11) Wcdm., p. 115.

marked \$100 to support this work. (12) The work in Winnipeg was carried on by Mrs. A. Rasmussen, who had been appointed by the District Board. (13)

Other movements were also activated in this new age. As early as 1950:

... Rev. H. Kroeger of Yellow Grass, Sask., brought greetings from the American Lutheran Church (to the WC District convention). He reported on the progress in the ALC toward the union with our Synod and with the ELC Synod. The report was very favorable. (14)

This report was the first of many, which eventually led to the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, Canadian section of The American Lutheran Church, on January 1, 1961.

Another forward step taken by the WC District in 1950 was the opening of a second Old Folks Home. The president reports:

... The Lutheran Welfare Association of the District has opened an additional Home at Wayne, Alta., known as the Bethel Home. (Calgary Home was Bethany.) A vacant miner's hospital, a good stucco building, was donated for that purpose by a Miner's Union. The Home was opened November 11, 1950, and has now about 15 guests registered. (15)

Although the Home in Wayne ceased to operate in 1957, (16) I can verify from my personal associations with this Home that it served its purpose well.

The new age did bring to the WC District the recognition of a fully capable governing branch of the Lutheran Church. It is with no small amount of satisfaction that the District president could report to the 1952 Synodical convention that:

The City of Red Deer afforded a new opening for us in home mission work. Eleven families petitioned us to start a work there with a view to establishing a Lutheran Church to serve the Lutherans of the city and surrounding district. (17)

On December 14, 1952, Trinity United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Red Deer was organized, with 85

(12) Ibid., p. 116.

(13) Ibid., p. 115.

(14) Ibid., p. 108.

(15) Yrbk., 1951, pre-con., p. 53.

(16) Wcdm., p. 136.

(17) Yrbk., 1952, pre-con., p. 71.

baptized and 51 confirmed members. (18) The following year it was accepted into the Synod. (19)

Although two new congregations had already been established in the WC District in the new age, the main thrust was on inter-synodical co-operation. This is seen when:

A Canadian Lutheran Council was organized at Winnipeg on December 4, 1952, at a meeting of 17 councillors (sic) representing six participating synodical groups. Rev. W. A. Mahlenbacker (ULCA) has been called as Executive Secretary and will establish the Canadian Lutheran Council office at Winnipeg on May 1st.

Lutherans in Canada firmly believe that the day of opportunity for Canadian Lutheranism has dawned. (20)

There was no longer extant the attitude that the UELC was for Danes only, or that only Danes could be worthy Lutherans. The new age seems to have brought with it a healthier and wider view that the WC District should strive to find the most practical means to bring the Gospel of Christ to all Canadians. This attitude is witnessed by the following resolution adopted at the 1952 District convention:

We recommend the Pass Lake congregation in accordance with its own wishes, be given the right to transfer itself to the Minnesota District, because of its nearness to that district and the better possibilities for Pass Lake to receive more adequate pastoral help. (21)

However, it must not be thought that the spiritual welfare of the Danes was neglected. In 1953 the District subsidy for immigration work in Winnipeg was increased to \$180. (22) Work

(18) Yrbk., 1953, pre-con., p. 63.

(19) Ibid.

(20) Ibid., p. 64.

(21) Wcdm., p. 121.

(22) Ibid., p. 125.

was also begun to serve the immigrants who had come to Calgary. (23) In 1954, \$250 was allocated for the work there. (24) The following year the aid was increased to \$1,000, (25) and facilities were provided by Sharon Lutheran in Calgary. (26) The pastoral service to the immigrants in Calgary was conducted by semi-retired pastors of the area until 1957. (27) In that same year a call was sent to Pastor Julius Hougaard in Denmark. The call stipulated that he was to be associate pastor at Sharon with a salary of \$4,000 per year, plus free house. (28) He continued in this capacity until his resignation in May of 1959. (29)

Although this service to immigrants in Calgary was relatively short-lived, it was no doubt a necessary outreach. The 1957 statistics reveal that 282,000 people immigrated to Canada in that year alone. Of this total, 41,213 were Lutherans. By nationalities they were: 28,513 Germans, 7,780 Danes, 2,811 Finns, 1,321 Norwegians, and 788 Swedes. (30)

Despite the influx of immigrants and the forthcoming merger, the brightest star on the horizon was the dream of an indigenous Canadian Lutheran Church. One of the early meetings in this regard was held in Saskatoon in December of 1954. It was called a "Today and Tomorrow Conference". (31) In its report to the 1955 District convention the Ways and Means Committee recommended: ". . . that the WC District instruct our Canadian Committee on Policy and Organization to

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(23) Ibid., p. 124.

(24) Ibid., p. 129.

(25) Ibid., p. 134.

(26) Yrbk., 1956, pre-con., p. 77.

(27) Wcdm., p. 134.

(28) Sharon Lutheran Church, Calgary, Alberta, letter of call to Rev. J. Hougaard, Denmark, August 7, 1957, as found in the WC District secretary's records. Deposited in the Archives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, Saskatoon, Sask.

(29) J. Hougaard, letter of resignation to Sharon Lutheran Church, Calgary, Alberta, as found in the WC District secretary's records. Deposited in the Archives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, Saskatoon, Sask.

(30) Yrbk., 1958, pre-con., p. 72.

(31) Wcdm., p. 129.

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DANISH CHURCH

use its influence toward an All Canadian Lutheran Church.” (32) In 1957 two delegates were appointed to represent the WC District at “Conversations” to be held in Regina, with the view of forming a Canadian Lutheran Church. (33). The interest shown in this endeavor was continued by the WC District until the merger in 1961. But due to the fact that the merger with the ALC and the ELC was more imminent than an All Canadian Lutheran Church:

... it was decided that no official negotiations toward a Canadian Lutheran Church should be entered upon until the present merger movements of Synods be consummated. However, doctrinal discussions looking toward altar and pulpit fellowship between all Lutherans in Canada are to be continued. (34)

These discussions concerning the hoped-for Canadian Lutheran Church did not blind the District to its present responsibilities. The Lutheran Welfare Association opened a new \$200,000, 41-bed hospital for the chronically ill in Calgary in 1956; (35) the District contributed to the Lutheran Students’ Foundation of Alberta; (36) and it also became involved in the joint Theological Seminary at Saskatoon. (37) It also contributed 129% of its designated quota to Canadian Lutheran World Action. (38)

In 1959 the District president reported that “Our English issue of Church and Home has now merged with the Canadian ELC paper, The Shepherd.” (39)

And thus the new age of the WC District drew to a close. The period from 1947 to 1961 was an era in which the WC District had endeavored to integrate itself into the Canadian scene. I believe it succeeded. And I can think of no more fitting conclusion to this account of its short history than the following excerpt from the District president’s report to the closing convention held at Redvers, Sask., July, 1960: (40)

It gives one a peculiar feeling to write the last report for the WC District. We have enjoyed our cozy little circle at Conventions for these many years, where we know everyone, and that has been pleasant. And yet we believe God has led us to the wider outlook which we will have in The ALC and the new Canada District, the

(32) Ibid., p. 133.
(33) Ibid., p. 136.
(34) Ibid., p. 141.
(35) Yrbk., 1958, pre-con., p. 73.
(36) Ibid.
(37) Ibid. Cf. Yrbk., 1959, pre-con., p. 65.
(38) Ibid.
(39) Ibid.
(40) Wedemo., p. 141.

ELCC. Here we will soon make new and more friends and discover a wider field of service for our Lord.

As we look back over the years of the existence of our district, and our Canadian churches, some of which belonged to the North Dakota-Montana District before the formation of our District in 1927, we feel a deep gratitude to God and His Church. The testimony of Samuel comes to mind, “Hither-to the Lord has helped us.” We are deeply grateful to God who called the pioneers, laymen and pastors, to come to the woodlands and plains of Western Canada, not only to build homes, but also the Church of Christ. Today we pay tribute to these stalwart, adventure-some champions of the faith. (41)

STATISTICAL SECTION
Organization Dates of West Canada District Congregations

- 1903 - Bethany - Dickson, Alberta
- 1910 - Ansgar - Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1911 - Nazareth - Standard, Alberta
- 1912 - Immanuel-Kevisville, Alberta
- 1913 - Sharon - Calgary, Alberta
- 1923 - Dannevirke-Redvers, Saskatchewan
- 1926 - Ostensfeld - Ostensfeld, Manitoba
- 1929 - St. Paul's - Olds, Alberta
- 1930 - Salem - Pass Lake, Ontario (transferred to Minnesota District 1952)
- 1930 - Bethany - Tilley, Alberta
- 1934 - Trinity - Swan River, Manitoba
- 1948 - Our Savior's-Hussar, Alberta
- 1952 - Trinity - Red Deer, Alberta

Pastors Who Served In West Canada District Congregations

- Bethany, Dickson, Alberta
- 1904-1909 - J. C. Gundesen
- 1909-1914 - J. G. V. Magnussen
- 1915-1921 - H.P.A. Andersen
- 1922-1923 - C. Sørensen
- 1923-1926 - M. G. Christensen (interim basis from Calgary)
- 1926-1928 - N. Bentsen
- 1929-1935 - P. C. Nyholm
- 1936-1939 - R. Møller
- 1940-1944 - P. L. Thorslev
- 1945-1951 - E. W. Olsen
- 1951-1952 - E. Romer (interim basis only)
- 1952-1958 - O. Larsen
- 1959- - C. T. Hansen

Ansgar, Winnipeg, Manitoba

1910-1919 - T.K. Thorvilson, J. P. Øien, T. Castberg—Norwegian Lutheran

(41) Ibid.

- an pastors of Winnipeg on part-time basis
- 1919-1925 - N. Damskov
- 1925-1933 - V. Beck
- 1933-1940 - A. T. Schultz
- 1940-1942 - N. Damskov (interim basis from Ostensfeld)
- 1942-1945 - V. Bagger
- 1946-1949 - E. Romer
- 1952-1956 - T. M. Hansen
- 1956-1958 - L. Kirkegaard
- 1958-1962 - A. H. Christensen

Nazareth, Standard, Alberta

1912-1920 - J. K. Jensen

1921-1924 - A. Hansen

1924-1928 - L. H. Kjølner

1928-1931 - S. S. Loft

1931-1933 - A.N. Skanderup (interim basis from Tilley)

1933-1938 - V. Beck

1938-1944 - A. H. Christensen

1944-1950 - M. Jorgensen

1950-1956 - L. Kirkegaard

1957-1963 - B. J. Damkar

Immanuel, Kevisville, Alberta

Annex to Bethany, Dickson; same pastors.

Sharon, Calgary, Alberta

1913-1914 - J. G. V. Magnussen (interim basis from Dickson)

1914-1920 - J. K. Jensen (interim basis from Standard)

1921-1923 - A. Hansen (interim basis from Standard)

1923-1926 - M. G. Christensen

1926-1935 - J. Knudsen

1935-1941 - P. C. Paulsen

1942-1948 - T. M. Hansen

1948-1955 - E. Pedersen

1955-1959 - J. Elling

1959-1963 - E. R. Moody

Dannevirke, Redvers, Sask.

1914-1920 - J. G. V. Magnussen (interim from Flaxton, N.D.)

1920-1921 - F. P. Taler (interim from Flaxton, N.D.)

1922-1924 - N. Damskov (interim from Winnipeg, Man.)

1924-1929 - L. C. Larsen

1920-1933 - L. Mehr

1934-1937 - N. Damskov

1937-1944 - A.N. Skanderup

1944-1959 - I. Johansen

1960- H. Heinzig

Ostensfeld, Ostensfeld, Man.

Annex to Ansgar, Winnipeg; same pastors except during which N. Damskov was full-time pastor.

St. Paul's, Olds, Alberta

1929-1935 - J. Knudsen (interim basis from Sharon, Calgary)

1936-1940 - H. Stallknecht (bi-monthly basis from Ponoka)

1940-1943 - T. Schultz

1943-1948 - T. M. Hansen from Sharon, Calgary)

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| 1949-1950 - M. Jorgensen (interim basis from Nazareth, Standard) | Bethany, Tilley, Alberta |
| 1950-1951 - E. Pedersen (interim basis from Sharon, Calgary) | 1930-1935 - A. N. Skanderup |
| 1951-1956 - A. N. Morck | 1935-1940 - H. Larsen |
| 1956-1959 - A. Rasmussen (interim basis from Trinity, Red Deer) | 1940-1942 - E. Nommesen |
| 1959-1960 - P. Jorgensen (student intern) | 1943-1951 - A. T. Schultz |
| Salem, Pass Lake, Ontario | 1953-1956 - A. Rasmussen |
| 1928-1932 - K. Ludvigsen | 1956- A. N. Morck |
| | Trinity, Swan River, Man. |
| | 1934-1937 - N. Damskov (interim basis from Winnipeg, Man.) |
| | 1937-1944 - A. N. Skanderup |
| | 1945-1946 - H. C. Carlsen |
| | 1947-1951 - A. N. Morck |
| | 1952-1956 - P. J. Vammen |
| | 1956-1961 - E. H. Hansen |

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| 1932-1934 - N. Damskov | Our Savior's, Hussar, Alta. |
| (interim basis from Ostensfeld, Man.) | 1948-1950 - M. H. Pedersen |
| 1934-1940 - J. K. Jensen | 1950-1955 - R. Tange |
| 1940-1944 - C. H. M. Krogh | 1955-1962 - E. W. Olsen |
| 1944-1951 - H. J. Madsen | Trinity, Red Deer, Alberta |
| 1954-1956 - R. Kloth | 1953-1956 - G. Nygaard |
| 1957-1962 - H. S. Nielsen | 1956-1962 - A. Rasmussen |
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